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6 Title: SECURITY ELEMENT TO PREVENT COUNTERFEITING OF VALUE DOCUMENTS

7 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

8 TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

9 Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent
10 application, which is the contemporaneously filed United States national application corresponding
11 to International application No. PCT/EP99/02771, as follows:

12 In the Specification:

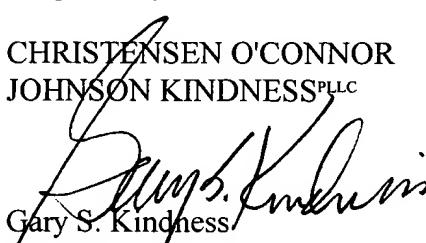
13 Amend the specification by inserting the following after the title: --This is a United States
14 national stage application of International application No. PCT/EP99/02771, filed April 21, 1999, the
15 benefit of the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120, which in turn claims the
16 benefit of European application No. 98870098.5, filed April 30, 1998, the benefit of the filing date of
17 which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119--.

18 REMARKS

19 If there are any questions, the Examiner is invited to telephone applicants' attorney at the
20 number listed below.

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